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WHOLE NO. 639

Butler Named New Secretary Of Barbers 827

Jimmie Butler, president of Barbers Union 827 and employed at the Salinas Drive-in Barber Shop, declined to seek re-election as union president but was chosen as secretary-treasurer of the union to succeed N. H. "Nate" Freeman in annual elections held by the union Dec. 19. Freeman was not a candidate.

Intl. Organizer Walter Pierce was due in Salinas this week to meet with the new officers, his first visit here in several years. Installation of new officers is set for the union meeting of Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the Labor Temple. Elected president to succeed Butler was Homer Coley, employed at Jeff Barber Shop in Alisal.

Elected by the union were:
President—Coley.

Vice President—Louis Conine, co-owner of the Big Hat Barber Shop.

Secretary-Treasurer—Butler.

Recording Secretary—Doss Hill, of the El Gabilan Barber Shop.

Guide—Paul Moore, of the Valley Center Barber Shop.

Guardian—Guy Falbo, of Guy's Barber Shop.

Delegates to Monterey County Central Labor Union—Butler and W. F. Daniels.

Cats Eat Rabbits

Only 2.7 per cent of the stomach contents of 41 highway-killed house cats contained evidences of a rat diet, the Missouri Conservation Commission has reported, while stomach analysis showed 38.1 per cent rabbits by volume.

Mexican Labor Influx Cuts Pay 5c

(State Fed. Release)

The wages of domestic farm workers employed by one firm in the San Jose area were cut from 80 cents to 75 cents an hour as Mexican nationals were brought in during the first two weeks of December, according to Ernesto Galarza, research director of the National Farm Labor Union.

Galarza has written to Governor Warren asking a full and public investigation of the whole situation.

About 150 Mexican nationals arrived in the Santa Clara Valley; they had been hired at 75 cents an hour. Contrary to the arrangements made last fall, the Employment Service failed to check with the National Farm Labor Union office in the area as to the availability of labor prior to arranging for the importation of Mexican nationals.

Prior to the arrival of these Mexicans the current wage for domestic workers, most of whom are of Mexican origin, had been 80c for cutting broccoli. Farmers hired the nationals at 75c and then announced that all wages would be "stabilized" at the same figure, or 5c less than domestic workers were currently receiving.

Similar developments occurred recently at Soledad, Galarza reported, in connection with carrot-tying. Small growers, who usually get the leavings of the labor market, were paying 32c a crate, which is considered good pay, in order to attract workers. The local



CONFERENCE ON CLU'S.—Champaign-Urbana, Ill.—W. E. Chalmers, left, director of the University of Illinois Institute of Labor Relations, discusses agenda of conference held there on Central Labor Unions, with Pres. Reuben G. Soderstrom, center, of Illinois Federation of Labor, and Stanley Johnson, secy-treas. of the Federation. (LPA)

SALINAS CLC HITS PRISONER USE AS LABOR

Work by prisoners at the State Medium Security Prison at Soledad in construction and maintenance work and also as barbers for civilians there was protested by the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas last week.

Secretary A. J. Clark said the protest against use of prisoners in maintenance work and in construction of school equipment was voted as result of a communication from a San Jose union stating that such convict labor work was being investigated there.

The matter was referred to the council's Building Trades Committee for investigation. This committee was successful in halting prison labor at Soledad on new construction a year ago.

Barbers Union 927 of Salinas joined in the protest on grounds that prisoners have been cutting hair for civilians, with professional barbers.

Changes Due In Kid Party Next Yuletide

Drastic changes in the conduct and planning of the annual AFL Kiddies Christmas Party next Christmas are expected as a result of the overflow crowd at the Dec. 23 affair, which was described as the county's greatest gathering of this nature.

Members of the Salinas Labor Council's Christmas Party Committee said the group would be called together early to lay plans for limiting the number of adults at the party and vaudeville show.

The affair probably will continue to be held in the Salinas High School Auditorium, where more than 2,500 filled the hall this year and some 500 more were unable to get in, although youngsters outside were presented with gifts of candy, fruit and toys.

A rule that no grown-ups would be allowed in the main hall may be enforced next Christmas. There will be ample committee members and officers to care for children left by parents. If possible, one committee member said, the main auditorium floor will be reserved for youngsters under the age of 12 only.

The party just passed is still being discussed by all who participated, committee members and guests. More than 2,000 kiddies were given gifts by Santa Claus after being entertained with a mammoth show and entertainment.

HALLMARK NEW BARMEN AGENT

Royal C. ("Roy") Hallmark, well known member of Monterey Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 483, began duties as business agent for this union on Tuesday of this week.

Hallmark was named by the union's executive board as business agent at a meeting last month.

Meanwhile, union secretary-treasurer, George L. Rice, has been named by the international union as a special organizer to serve in the Carmel area. Rice is continuing as union secretary-treasurer until March 1, when his resignation is scheduled to become effective. Election of a successor is slated in February.

Carp. Council Meets Jan. 9

Next meeting of the new Monterey Bay Area District Council of Carpenters will be held at Salinas on Tuesday, January 9. Representatives from unions in Santa Cruz, Salinas, Watsonville, Monterey and King City will attend.

'Give Labor Equal Voice on Defense'

Washington. (LPA)—The government should give labor equal representation with industry and agriculture in the defense program at the policy-making and decision-making levels. So AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany declared in a nation-wide broadcast.

He pledged labor's full support in mobilization, and said "we can still save the peace" if America builds up such superiority "that even the Communists will realize that war against us would be hopeless." He noted that the AFL has been urging such a program for years.

Assailing the recent speech of Herbert Hoover, Meany said those views "constitute isolationism and I am convinced that isolationism would be fatal to the cause of freedom." He added that to follow Hoover's plans would mean that if war comes it would be fought on American territory.

BEST INVESTMENT

He denied that keeping American commitments would be over-extending, noted that "we did it before, under greater handicaps," and that "we are much better prepared now." As to costs, he said that "would be cheap if we can prevent the outbreak of another world war."

"I think the first and most basic step is to establish a sound and practical working economy for the emergency period," Meany said. "Prices and rents must be controlled effectively. That is impossible under the law passed by Congress a few months ago. It should be amended promptly to insure that the cost of living is firmly stabilized on a fair and just basis to both producers and consumers. When that is done, it will be possible to stabilize wages also. Organized labor has volunteered to accept wage stabilization for the duration of the emergency if the cost of living is kept on an even keel. But if wages are frozen while prices are permitted to rise, it will only weaken the army of production and provoke all kinds of needless trouble."

USE COMMON SENSE

"This is a vexing problem. No one likes controls, least of all labor. But we have to use common sense. In a national emergency, we are all forced to abandon the methods of business-as-usual and politics-as-usual. I would like to emphasize one very important factor regarding the administration of controls. It may sound very impressive and electrifying for a government official to issue sweeping price-freeze and wage-freeze orders, but that is not the practical way of dealing with this problem. The decisions should be made by those who know the score, by the representatives of business, labor and agriculture who understand the problem and are willing to help the Government solve it. Up to the present time the Government has denied labor a voice in making policy and in making decisions in the defense program."

VOLUNTARY IS BEST

"In a free country like ours, voluntary compliance is far more effective than compulsion. Within the framework of a practical general policy and under an effective control law, the Government should rely upon the decisions of industry, labor and farm representatives, serving on Government boards, in dealing with specific price and wage cases. By that means, the people affected by the decisions will be assured of just consideration of their difficulties and be much more willing to accept the outcome. To my way of thinking, freezing will bring about immobilization rather than mobilization. We have to per-

mit some flexibility to assure full and continuous production.

"The leaders of every group in our economic life realize that the time has come to put the national interest above selfish interest. A remarkable spirit of national unity is developing in our country. That is the strongest asset we have in coping with a national emergency. The Government should encourage that spirit of national unity and put it to work for the success of the defense program. There is no need of cracking the whip over the American people. Just tell us what has to be done and we will see to it that it is done."

Carpenters Await Contractor Word On Wage Raise

Representatives of local carpenter unions were in Oakland last week for a special conference in regard to request for a wage increase from the Associated General Contractors of Northern California, but the contractors gave no answer to the request, despite a special meeting held by the association, it was announced.

International Representative Joseph Cambiano of the Carpenters met with a contract committee in an effort to work out an increase before the expected freeze of wages. The association, which will elect new officers this week, is expected to reply shortly.

Harvey Baldwin, president of the new Monterey Bay Area District Council of Carpenters, was named to represent the council and its unions in further committee meetings. The contract committee has been given power to accept any reasonable wage offer but any changes in contract are subject to referendum vote of unions, Baldwin said.

Baldwin said the harmony and close cooperation in the group was an indication that carpenter unions of the northern part of the state are more united than even in the current wage matter.

Attending from this area were Baldwin, business agent of Salinas Carpenters 925; Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Carpenters 1323; James T. Mann, business agent of Watsonville Carpenters 771, and George I. Colby, business agent of Santa Cruz Carpenters 829.

Finisher Win Screed Work

Dispute over jurisdiction of setting of screeds in construction projects in the Monterey area has been settled with the award to Cement Finishers Union 337, according to business agent, S. M. Thomas. All future screed work will be done by finishers, he added.

More finishers are needed in the Monterey area, Thomas said, and any qualified cement finishers may contact him at his office, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey.

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Labor Is Host To Kids at Christmas

(State, Fed. Release)

From Oregon to the Mexican border, California AFL unions last week sponsored Christmas parties for young people, particularly for the underprivileged.

In San Diego, the Central Labor Council joined with the Salvation Army for the annual House of Happiness party attended by nearly 2000 children at the Russ auditorium. Special invitations were sent to the children of unemployed workers.

The Los Angeles Central Labor Council held a party around the Christmas tree in the Labor Temple on Dec. 21, for children and their AFL parents.

In San Francisco the Union Label Section played host to 175 orphans from the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish orphanages of the city. Every child received a brightly wrapped Christmas gift at the affair in the Labor Temple, just four days before the Big Day.

Across the bay in Oakland, Automotive Machinists Lodge 1546 tossed a mammoth Christmas jamboree in the Oakland Civic Auditorium. Almost 7,000 attended the program, featured by two hours of entertainment, gifts from Santa, and dancing until 1 a.m.

Up north in Eureka, the Women's Auxiliary of the Teamsters held their traditional children's party on Dec. 15.

November floods failed to dampen the holiday spirit in Bakersfield. Hodcarriers 220 joined with Painters 314 for Christmas baskets for needy families.

In Salinas, the Labor Council

was host to over 3,000 children at a gay Christmas party.

There were many more AFL parties throughout the state, all proving that labor kept its date with Santa and the kids of California.

Supreme Court Gives Final Ruling On Tidelands

Washington (LPA)—A long battle to protect the rights of the people as a whole against the oil and gas interests ended Dec. 11. The U.S. Supreme Court adopted a final decree giving the federal government full rights over the multi-million-dollar submerged oil lands off the coasts of Texas and Louisiana.

Under the decree the two states must stop taking "any petroleum, gas or other mineral products" from the tidelands without authority from the federal government. The states also must give "a true, full, and accurate accounting" of all sums derived from oil drilling since June 5, 1950. That was the date on which the court sustained federal claims to title to the tidelands. The Justice Department had asked for an accounting since June 23, 1947, when the court ruled in a similar case against California.

Sen. Tom Connally (D., Texas) gave notice that he would try to get Congress to undo the effects. The decree, he said, "merely puts the final stamp of judicial approval on the theft of Texas' tidelands. It means that Texas and other states will have to look to Congress for justice. I shall contend as strongly as I can for legislative action."

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Boss Must Say Why He Refuses To Negotiate

Washington (LPA)—The National Labor Relations Board has closed another loophole which employers have been using to drag out their refusal to bargain with unions.

Ruling for CIO Textile Workers against New Jersey Carpet Mills, Englishtown, N.J., the NLRB said an employer cannot refuse to bargain because of technical non-compliance with the Taft-Hartley act by the union.

The case arose in 1947, immediately after passage of T-H, when the union had not yet signed non-Communist affidavits required by the act. Actually the union was one of the first large labor organizations to sign the oaths, but there was slightly more than a month's lapse between the opening of negotiations with the carpet mill and final approval of its affidavits by the NLRB.

The company refused to talk to the union, fired one man for union activity, and "interrogated" employees as to their union membership, threatened them with loss of pay and other disadvantages if the union entered the shop. All this took place in 1947, but it was not until March 1949 that the company said it refused to bargain because of the union's failure to file the non-Communist pledges.

The Board has now ruled the discharged man, Richard Perrine, must get his job back with full pay and that the company bargain with the union. It has also ruled that in future cases the employer must tell union negotiators immediately if he does not want to bargain because of their non-compliance with T-H.

The practical effect of this ruling will be to speed up bargaining processes where officers have changed because of death or elections and their successors have failed to file non-Communist affidavits. It will probably also apply in other cases of purely technical non-compliance.

It will knock out the possibility of a case's collapsing because an employer grasps at legal straws. Now he will be unable to stall a case along for years and only give his reason at the last possible moment.

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BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., J. N. Butler, Jr., 418 Monterey St., phone 4110; Sec.-Treas., N. H. Freeman, 36 W. Alisal St., phone 9782.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Sec.-Bus. Agt., Al J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St. phone 4633. Pres., Virgil K. Knight, office 117 Pajaro St. phone 4633.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., William K. Grubbs, 76 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove. Rec. Sec., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone Mont. 2-3002. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, Salinas office, 274 East Alisal, phone 2-1603; Monterey office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5-6744.

BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday at Carpenters Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Clark Bannert, 1209 1st Ave., phone 2-0720. Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, CYpress 5-3849. Hollister-Gilroy Officers: Pres., Richard Santa, 122 Vine St., Hollister, phone 352; Rec.-Sec., Harold Johnson, Rte. 2, Box 139, Hollister, phone 4375.

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CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall. Pres., Herbert Nelson, Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin, 556 San Benito, phone Salinas 6716, Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller, Hall, and office, 1422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

CARPENTERS 1275 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall. Pres., Bill Young, phone 376-J. Sec., A. W. Reed, 411 South San Lorenzo Ave., phone 694-W.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd Tuesday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Lewis Bell, 140 Linden St., phone 4603; Sec., Mrs. Roy Brayton, 323 1/2 Central Ave.; Fin. Sec. & Bus. Agt., Mrs. W. A. Pilliar, 123 Prunedale, phone 9502. Office at Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main, phone 9293.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County), Salinas—Meets every Friday at 8 p.m., at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. A. Wood. Sec.-Treas., Alfred J. Clark, office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 7787.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meets 2nd Monday at 2:00 p.m. and 4th Monday at 8:00 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Alan Meeks; Sec., Bertha Boles. Office, Glikbarg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., phone 6209.

DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursday, Wm. Nuelle, 1027 Del Monte St., phone 2-3590. Sec.-Treas., Josephine Jones, 674 E. Market, phone 2-0871; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA. 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesdays; Executive Board, 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Alvin Esser, Baldwin Trailer Court, phone 2-3273. Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., K. E. Ozols, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-2886.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Deroy; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christensen, Rm. 483, Porter bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 3004 16th St., San Francisco, phone Underhill 1-1155.

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LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. Feneval, 148 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810, office 6393. Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., J. B. McGinley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Bengie, Hilby St., Monterey. Sec., Ronald Hodges, 612 Wilson St., Salinas, phone 2-2906. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, office 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 2-1603.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Hazel Skewes, 1314 2nd Ave., Sec.-Treas., Grace MacRossie, 59-1st Ave., Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco. Phone MA. 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Alex Day, res. 611 Doss Ave., phone 2-3775. Fin. Sec., L. W. Parker, 1429 Wren St., phone Salinas 9494.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES 29 (Business Offices)—Meets on call. Headquarters 1918 Grove St., Oakland, phone TWInoaks 3-5933. Sec., Marilyn E. Anglin; Bus. Agt., John B. Kinnick.

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PLASTERERS 763—Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine St., phone 5530. Sec., C. R. Pendergrass, 210 Dennis, phone 2-1553. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-1603.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 7:30 p.m.; (Ex. Board meets every Tuesday, 7 p.m.) Pres., Bert La Forge, Fin. and Rec. Sec., John W. Drew, Bus. Agent., E. R. Arbuckle Office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Wednesday, Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., J. H. Fischer, 12B Mercer Way, Sec. H. C. Schielke, 636 El Camino Real Rd., phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Ass'ts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday of month at Salinas at 8 p.m. Pres., Harry Wingard 950 Colton, Monterey; Sec.-Treas., Robert P. Meders, 151 Toro Ave., Salinas.

RETAIL CLERKS 939—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Raymond Groth, 116 19th St., phone P.G. 5-3389. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 831 Beach St., Salinas, phone 2-3366. Office, 6 W. Gabilan St., Room 1, phone 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 108 Irving, Monterey, phone 3014; Sec.-Treas., John Murphy, 616 Elm St., Rt. 1, Monterey.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Castroville and Watsonville. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, Pacific Grove, phone Monterey 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec. Ray Opter, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call. Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West St., Salinas; Sec.-Treas., W. P. Karcich, 20 Natividad Rd., Salinas, phone 2-2691.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, Firemen's Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Hughes, Spreckels, Sec.-Treas., Robert S. MacRossie, Spreckels, phone 3064. Rec. Sec., Louis Ferreira.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets on call. Sec. Fred Clayton, 70 Robley Road, Corral de Tierra, Salinas, Phone 3045.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday every month at 9:30 a.m. at Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Geo. Smith, 1122 Garner St., Salinas; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1215; Sec., Dave Green, P.O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone Watsonville 757.

TYPOGRAPHICAL 543—Meets last Sunday of month alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., D. R. Harrison. Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 9597.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSE MEN AND HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Tuesday at Salinas High Auditorium, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray Burditt. Sec., Peter A. Andrade; Bus. Agt., Wm. G. Kenyon, phone 2-0497. Office, 274 E. Alisal St., Salinas, phone 5743.

Town Recontrolled As Rents Shoot Up 25 Per Cent

International Falls, Minn. (LPA) Rents were decontrolled here Oct. 7, 1949, and immediately began shooting up. The rent advisory board made a survey that showed increases averaged more than 25 percent. The board then recommended recontrol, and Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods acted Dec. 21. Landlords may still get increases, but only on the basis of improvements or increased services.

85,000 in ILGWU Gain Pay Increase

New York.—Wage increases aggregating \$15 million annually became effective Dec. 19 for 85,000 members of the AFL International Ladies' Garment Workers Union.

Harry Uviller, impartial chairman of the dress industry, said that cleaners, cutters and others working on a weekly basis will get from \$3 to \$5 more a week. Their pay at present is from \$40 to \$110 a week. Finishers, pressers and operators on piece work, who get from \$1.50 to \$2.25 an hour, will get hourly increases of 15 or 16 cents, according to Mr. Uviller.

Under the new contract employers will pay a sum equal to 6 1/2 per cent of salaries into a health and welfare fund.

Salinas Union Secretary Dies

C. R. Pendergrass, known to his many friends as "Bill", passed away Christmas day at an Oakland hospital following a prolonged illness. Although only 31 years of age, he was widely known as secretary of Salinas Plasterers and Cement Masons Union 763, from which post he had retired only recently due to his illness.

Bro. Pendergrass was a resident of Salinas and leaves a wife and children. He was a veteran of the European war zone of the past war and had been undergoing treatment in a veterans' hospital for an internal ailment, friends said.

Funeral services were held in Salinas last Saturday with many friends and union members in attendance, including Fred Random, his successor as union secretary, and Byron Burgner, new union business agent. Interment was in the "Garden of Memories".

GM MOUSETRAPPED!

In Washington, D. C., labor economists chickled over the way General Motors and the Ford Motor Co. mousetrapped themselves. The two largest auto manufacturers in the world practically insured the establishment of price controls by refusing a request by federal stabilization officials to rescind proposed price increases. Up to that point, GM and Ford had spent hundreds of thousands of dollars lobbying against price control legislation.

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EDITORIALS

CONDONING PROFITEERING

It is a doleful note that President Truman strikes every time he utters the oft repeated excuse for not having stringent price controls set up without further delay under the authority granted him by Congress to do this. What this attitude reveals is that the President is showing marked favoritism for the gougers and profiteers, who since June 25th have been steadily increasing prices to consumers. Already price levels are at all-time highs, but with Truman taking the position that price controls are not necessary yet, that becomes the go sign for the profiteers to get busy to increase their profits still more. As every housewife knows they are doing just this, and undoubtedly will continue doing it as long as they are left free to raise prices to suit themselves.

What all this is doing to the average man of modest means, is to decrease the buying power of every dollar he has to spend for life's necessities. The more everything costs the less every man's dollar is worth, which is nothing more nor less than inflation actually put into operation. It does not make sense to deplore inflation and its harmful effects with one breath and then in the very next breath assure the inflationists, who get rich by jumping prices, that nothing is to be done about it for the present.

It is not fair to put all the blame on President Truman because it is Congress, whose duty it is to curb inflation by appropriate legislation instead of passing the buck to the President by simply authorizing him to do it himself by fixing all price controls, as he sees fit.

GRAFT, GRAB AND GOUGE

What the average profiteer seems to mean when he talks about the necessity of resorting to war in order to preserve freedom and democracy in the United States is that he and his kind should above all things else be left free to continue undisturbed with their various forms of graft, grab and gouge, which may or may not be legalized.

Already orders placed for war supplies reveal such outrageously high charges that our government is finding it necessary to probe purchases thus far made with the idea that many of the deals entered into are out of line with fair and reasonable prices and for this reason should be cancelled. In fact it is claimed that these abuses have been indulged in to such an extent that the amount which it will be possible to buy will fall far below the needs of our military forces, unless a fairer price structure can be set up for what is being purchased for our armed forces.

But this is only one phase of the entire problem which already is affecting our entire economic structure. In many industries and various lines of business price levels have been boosted entirely too high. The same spirit of graft, grab and gouge that the war profiteers are manifesting is asserting itself to the dismay of every wage earner in nearly every business selling anything.

WORK OF 81ST CONGRESS

For the first time that we can remember the dying 81st Congress, which since the election held last November comes about as close as we can get to the lame duck Congress of former days, has surprised itself and everybody else by the large amount of work it has done in the legislative field during the something like one month it has been in session, after which it passed out of existence, when the new 82nd Congress took over early in January.

The holiday season did not stop the dying Congress from staying on the job and even on New Year's day the House of Representatives met in regular business session to enact legislation of very great importance. Who would ever have expected that from the 81st Congress, which has wasted an unduly large amount of time simply filibustering and getting nowhere with all kinds of important legislation, during the two years these national lawmakers have been at the helm?

There was plenty that the 81st Congress dodged and plenty more that its members point blank refused to do that they should have done. But a few things were done that were highly creditable. Perhaps the most important of these was the extension of the social security law to an additional ten million of our inhabitants, besides providing for substantial increases in the monthly amounts to be paid to all beneficiaries, that come under this law.

Some day we may have retail stores where nothing but goods bearing the union label are displayed and sold.

ODDLY ENUF!

by Williams

PAY DAY

ANCIENT ROMAN SOLDIERS WERE PAID OFF IN SALT HENCE THE EXPRESSION "WORTH HIS SALT..."



JOKES, Etc.

Tommie had always been much afraid of dogs. One day, after a struggle to get him to pass a large dog which stood on the corner, his mother scolded him for his unnecessary fear.

"Well," was the reply, "you'd be afraid of dogs, too, if you were as low down as I am."

Gals like to work for top echelon business agents. There's good chances for advances at that level.

Uncle Remus says: There is an old saying that "Charity begins at home." And, why shouldn't it? That's where poverty usually begins.

Thought for Today: Authentic typographical error in news story: "The motorist approached the coroner at 80 miles per hour."

Asking a woman's age is like buying a second hand car, you know the speedometer has been turned back but you don't know just how far.

"Dr. Zilch's trial marriage didn't prove successful, did it?" asked a friend.

"Nope," said the other person, "He was arrested for practicing without a license."

"But why," asked the judge, "did you go back to rob the same store on three consecutive nights?"

"Well," replied the accused, "I wanted these dresses for my wife. I had to go back twice to find the right size."

Father—And there, son, you have the story of the Great War.

Son—Yes, Dad, but why did they need all the other soldiers?

"Who was the blonde I saw you with on Thursday?"

"The brunette you saw me with on Tuesday!"

A politician who goes through a line of pickets has a fence to mend.

The check for his lunch in the diner was \$1.45, and the man pulled out two one-dollar bills. The waiter brought in the change—a 50-cent piece and a nickel.

The guest looked up at the waiter, who gazed solemnly at the change tray. With a grunt of annoyance he pocketed the half dollar and, to his astonishment, the waiter grinned widely.

"That's all right, sir," he chuckled. "I just gambled and lost."

The only thing we can remember about the speed of light is the fact that it gets here too soon in the morning.

Lady: "How did you find the penny I gave you so quickly?"

Beggar: "I'm not the blind man—I'm just sitting here while he's gone to the movies."

A salesman was sent to Alaska by a firm well known for its miserly practices. Some days after he had left, his office received a wire from him, reading "Ship icebound off coast. Situation looks bad. May not get through for some time." The manager of the firm immediately sent a reply: "Don't worry. Start vacation as of today."

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Will Hire More Older Workers

Washington, D. C.—The U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security foresees the need for re-entrance into the nation's labor market of tens of thousands of workers in the older age brackets.

Large numbers of men 60 and above who have retired will be needed to meet defense production requirements. Many of the over-age persons possess skills which are in short supply, Bureau officials say.

"As occupational shortages appear and recruitment becomes more difficult, more and more attention must be given to enlarging our labor supply," Robert C. Goodwin, bureau director and executive director of the Office of Defense Manpower, points out. "Although we do not have today the reservoir of eight million unemployed which meant so much 10 years ago when we were mobilizing our industrial manpower, we can expand by roughly five million workers in case it becomes necessary. We can, for example, draw in many older workers, along with other groups which include housewives, handicapped workers, teen-agers, as well as those who are unemployed."

Older workers, including those of all nationality groups in the United States, are the most rapidly growing portion of the population. There are 11½ million persons 65 and over.

The United States Employment Service, a part of the Bureau of Employment Security, and the affiliated State employment services have cooperatively done much research into the job problem of the older workers. For example, certain studies indicate that older workers, whether in professional, skilled, or semi-skilled groups, do not generally prefer retirement.

Despite the growth of pension plans, a substantial number of older workers have continued employment. Of the 2½ million workers 65 and over who were eligible for old-age and survivors benefits on January 1, 1950, about two-fifths were not receiving such benefits. Most of them had either continued in employment or had returned to work after they became 65 years old.

The average age of railroad workers awarded full retirement annuities was about 3 years above the minimum age of 65 at which they could receive such annuities.

About 6 percent of two million job seekers registered at local public employment offices in April were 65 and over. About 30 percent were 45 and over.

The local office of State employment services in all of the major population centers maintain employment counseling and job placement services which enable older workers re-entering the labor market to get not only the latest information about jobs but to get help in making specific plans concerning their own employment future.

Agency Publishes Wage Gain Survey

(State Fed. Release)

Wage increases negotiated throughout California from January through November 15, 1950, are available in a new report just published by the Division of Labor Statistics and Research of the State Department of Industrial Relations.

The survey covers 238 agreements involving 695,000 workers in AFL, CIO and independent unions. Agreements covering less than 200 workers are not included.

Survey copies may be obtained by writing M. I. Gershenson, Chief, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, 965 Mission street, San Francisco 3.



BEAUTIFUL DOG.—The pooch in the picture is a greyhound from one of the Miami race tracks, one of the attractions in the Florida vacationland. (LPA)

New Publications Of Interest to Labor Unions

Collective Bargaining Provisions—(Bulletin 908-19) 54pp., 20c, Supt. of Documents, U.S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. (Limited supply available from Bureau of Labor Statistics, San Francisco.) Latest in the series of bulletins on collective bargaining provisions; deals with the preamble, scope of bargaining unit, and duration of agreements.

Analysis of Work Stoppages During 1949—(Bulletin 1003) 28pp., 20c, Supt. of Documents, U.S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. Number and duration of stoppages during 1949. Includes data on work stoppages by industry by state, summary analyses of the coal and steel stoppages during the year, and a brief discussion of methods of collecting strike statistics. (Limited supply available from Bureau of Labor Statistics, San Francisco.)

Work Injuries in Construction, 1948-1949—(Bulletin 1004) 35pp., 25c, Supt. of Documents, U.S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. (Limited supply available from Bureau of Labor Statistics, San Francisco.) Estimates of injury volume and of accident costs in 1949 and details of 1948 injury record. Includes injury-frequency and severity rates by type of contracting, type of construction, operation, and occupation, for the U.S., and for states by type of contracting.

Safety Provisions in Union Agreements, 1950—(Serial R. 2009), 4pp. From Monthly Labor Review, September 1950, free. Results of examination of 2411 current labor-management contracts for clauses dealing with the safety of employees. Includes information on number of safety agreements by industry, types of safety clauses, and examples of a number of such clauses.

Gas and Electricity, 34 Cities, 1949—12pp., free. Prices of gas delivered to domestic consumers in 34 cities, and changes in consumers' electric bills. Includes tables on net monthly bills and index numbers for both gas and electricity sales, by cities.

Productivity—Trends in Man-Hours Expended Per Pair: Footwear, 1947-1948—25pp., special series No. 1, Supt. of Documents, U.S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. (Limited supply available from Bureau of Labor Statistics, San Francisco.) Indexes of man-hours expended in shoe manufacture by type of shoe; includes data by region, state, and area.

Employment Outlook in Petroleum Production and Refining—(Bulletin 994), 51pp., Supt. of Documents, U.S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. (Limited

Doctors Crippling US Health Defense

(State Fed. Release)

The American Medical Association's new multi-million dollar drive against federal aid to medical schools to train more doctors, announced Dec. 7, was last week called "a prelude to a future medical Pearl Harbor and a crippling blow to U. S. health needs on the home front and military needs abroad."

The charge was made by the Committee for the Nation's Health, a national organization of prominent physicians and public figures who support the President's National Health Insurance program, including a federal aid to medical education bill. William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor is an honorary vice-president of the committee.

The Committee declared that the AMA's offer of \$500,000 to medical schools is a "pitiful 1 percent of what the medical schools themselves have declared is essential to expand their freshman classes 22 percent."

Branding the AMA offer "a ridiculous substitute" for the \$250,000 in a bi-partisan measure which passed the Senate unanimously in September, 1949, and a "conscience sop for the AMA's obstructionist tactics," the Committee claimed the AMA figure was a "publicity gesture" intended to drown out the almost unanimous demand for immediate House passage of the medical education bill voiced by medical educators, medical school deans, university presidents, and those in need of medical care.

Drivers Win 2 1/2¢

Pittsburgh, Pa. (LPA)—After a 29-day strike, drivers for Pittsburgh's three largest department stores have won a 20c pay raise and cut their workweek from 43 to 40 hours. More than 500 members of the AFL Teamsters Union are covered by the three-year contract, which is retroactive to Nov. 1. During the walkout, 8,000 members of 19 other AFL and CIO unions honored the Teamsters' picket lines.

supply available from Bureau of Labor Statistics, San Francisco.) Job prospects, duties, earnings, working conditions, and training. Includes description of industry and employment by state.

Cost of Living Wage Adjustments in Collective Bargaining—20pp., free. Bureau of Labor Statistics, San Francisco. The use of the Consumers Price Index in wage adjustments, including notes on recent developments, texts of selected escalator clauses, and a brief description of the Consumers Price Index.

Liquid Savings Drop Tremendously In Third Quarter

Washington (LPA)—Prices are going up, taxes have gone up and are going up a lot more, and the people have virtually no money put away. Worse, they're in hock up to their ears.

That is the gist of a report by the Securities and Exchange Commission on "Volume and Composition of Individuals' Saving, July-Sept. 1950." The report shows that the public's liquid saving has melted away to a nominal level.

The report shows that total liquid saving of individuals in the third quarter of 1950 was \$100 million. In the same period in 1949 the figure was \$1.4 billion. That's a drop of \$1.3 billion. Liquid saving in 1950 was less than one-fifth of one per cent of income after taxes, compared with a rate of over two per cent in 1949 and six per cent before the war. Put another way, the rate of liquid saving before the war was 30 times that of this year, and in 1949 it was 10 times what it has been in 1950.

The SEC defines liquid saving as "saving in the form of currency and bank deposits, equity in savings and loan associations, private and government insurance and pension reserves, securities, and repayment of mortgage debt and other consumer debt."

The SEC reported "mortgage debt of individuals increased \$1.8 billion in the third quarter of 1950, a new record rate. Other consumer debt also showed a substantial increase, \$1.7 billion."

Time and savings deposits declined a record of \$800 million and currency holdings decreased about \$100 million. Whereas "net security holdings" of individuals went up \$100 million in the third quarter of 1949, they went down \$300 million in the third quarter of 1950. The drop was most marked in holdings of U.S. Government securities. The folks are cashing in their bonds, and not buying new ones.

To Kill Ants, Roaches

Most effective insecticide against cockroaches and ants is a comparatively new one called chlordane, considered more powerful for exterminating such crawling insects than DDT. Buy the lowest priced insecticide that lists "2 per cent chlordane" among its ingredients shown on the container—the brand name doesn't matter. Even better is an insecticide that lists both chlordane and DDT in its ingredients; you then have an all-purpose preparation. There are several brands in the stores containing both. For destroying roaches, the chlordane preparation shouldn't be sprayed throughout the room, but only on places where the insects crawl or hide, such as cracks in the floor, undersides of drawers and cupboards, and behind or underneath furniture. It can be sprayed in such areas or "painted on" with a brush.

Free Drinks Out

Minneapolis.—AFL Bartenders here greeted with mixed emotions a new police decree that the tradition of the third drink being "on the house" was to be abolished. "Free drinks are out," said Police Chief Thomas R. Jones, thus ending an old Minnesota bartenders' practice of providing one free drink after two have been paid for.

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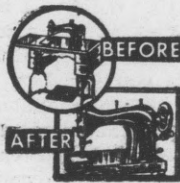
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ACTION ON AUTO PRICES.—Alan Valentine, Director of Economic Stabilization, signs an order freezing the price of new automobiles at the level of Dec. 1, as Francis P. Whitehair, general counsel of ESA, looks on. The action rolled back price increases by Ford and General Motors on their 1951 models. GM refused to comply and halted sales on all 1951 models, but later changed its mind. (LPA)

BUTCHERS SIGN MONTEREY MART; PICKETING ENDS

Contract has been reached with the Central Grocery and Meat Market, 663 Lighthouse Ave., New Monterey, and pickets have been removed after nearly four weeks of patrol, according to Butchers Union 506.

Union Secretary Earl A. Moorhead said the contract signed is the union's standard retail meat market agreement. Negotiations had been conducted through the newly-formed Monterey Peninsula Retail Grocers and Meat Dealers Association.

Still picketed by the butchers union, however, is the Seaside Market in the Seaside district, just outside Monterey. Negotiations were being continued in an effort to win the standard contract here also, Moorhead said.

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New Labor Program On National Hookup

(State Fed. Release)

The role of labor unions in keeping America strong and free is being praised in a new radio program, "The People Act," carried by the National Broadcasting Company network on Saturdays, 4 to 4:40 p.m., Pacific Standard Time.

The program on February 3 will relate the part played by the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union in building up the New York City dress industry.

Sponsored jointly by NBC's "Living 1950" and the Twentieth Century Fund, the program is broadcast nationally out of New York City. It is officially listed in newspaper radio columns as "Living 1950."

'Happy.' Non-Union

In Washington, D. C., two U. S. senators, friendly to labor, were asked by newsmen for their opinion on the firing of former Sen. A. B. "Happy" Chandler as baseball czar. Replied one, "I like the irony of it. Baseball refused to rehire him even though his job was supposed to last until May 1, 1952. But it was 'Happy' who fought tooth-and-nail against the idea of a baseball union for players who wanted more job security."

Arsenal Wage Boost

Rock Island, Ill. (LPA)—The 3700 hourly workers at the army arsenal here will get wage hikes of 12 to 16 cents starting Jan. 6, Col. W. W. Warner, commandant, announced Dec. 22. The increases, he said, "will place arsenal employees on an average wage comparable to that of private industry in the area."

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DEFENSE BOSS.—Charles E. Wilson (above) has resigned as president of General Electric to head the new Office of Defense Mobilization. ODM will direct the entire defense production program. (LPA)

S.F. Council Shows Tolerance Film

(State Fed. Release)

"Men on the Job," a slide film telling the story of racial and religious tolerance in employment in San Francisco, was shown publicly for the first time last week to the San Francisco Labor Council.

Produced by the San Francisco Council as a contribution to tolerance, the film is now available for showing free of charge.

George W. Johns, Council secretary, declared that the film marked the first effort by any central labor body to depict the actual story of tolerance as it exists in its own jurisdiction.

Unions seeking the film should write the San Francisco Labor Council, attention George W. Johns, secretary, 2940 16th St., San Francisco 3.

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100,000 Jobless In Michigan, Gov. Williams Says

Washington (LPA)—Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan said just before Christmas there were at that time 100,000 unemployed in Michigan, double the October figure.

He discussed the situation here with Pres. Truman, Secy. of Labor Tobin, Anna Rosenberg, assistant Defense Secretary in charge of manpower, Secy. of the Interior Chapman, and Stuart Symington, chairman of the National Security Resources Board.

Williams said he told the President that a production schedule should be worked out so that a transfer from civilian to defense production could be carried out "in an orderly manner with a minimum of non-employment."

About 50,000 of Michigan's jobless are Ford workers laid off because of shortage of materials. (Walter Reuther, president of the CIO Auto Workers, recently predicted 250,000 workers in the industry would be jobless in a few months, and Nash-Kelvinator announced Dec. 21 it was laying off workers at Milwaukee and Kenosha starting Jan. 1.)

Replying to rumors that he would name Reuther to the Senate should Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg resign because of poor health, Williams said such rumors are "premature." Reuther said he didn't want the job and wouldn't take it if offered.

26-Year-Old Salmon

For his cooperation in returning the metal tag placed on a salmon 26 years ago, an Air Force sergeant has been awarded a commendation card by the California Division of Fish and Game.

Fishing on the Klamath River recently, Master Sergeant Larry Lambert of Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico came across a battered strip of metal. On the tag was the inscription "U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, 1924." He mailed the arrow-shaped band to the State agency.

Biologist Howard McCully found from State records that the tag had been placed on a young king salmon Oct. 13, 1926, near Klamath, Siskiyou County. It was first under State surveillance as an egg taken from a mature salmon in September 1922.

S.F. Bldg. Service Ask \$50 Increase

San Francisco (LPA)—The AFL building services employees' unions have asked the city for a \$50 a month wage increase. There have been no wage hikes for any in two years, and in many cases none in four years.

Richard Liebes, research director for the unions, said 4800 workers in 107 classifications are involved. The three unions are Civil Service Building Maintenance, Local 66-A; Hospital and Institutional Workers, Local 250; County Employees, Local 503.

Paying the Doctor

The doctors' lobby, the American Medical Assn. (AMA), fights a purely negative battle.

It is against national health insurance, which it labels "socialized medicine." It has teamed with the realty lobby to fight public housing. It has teamed with the insurance lobby to fight disability insurance in the social security laws. It has teamed with the private utility lobby to fight public power.

But what the public wants from the doctors is an answer to such questions as these:

How can I pay the doctors' bills for a long illness—leukemia, for instance—of my child?

How can I pay the hospital bill for an accident—the loss of a leg, for instance—to myself?

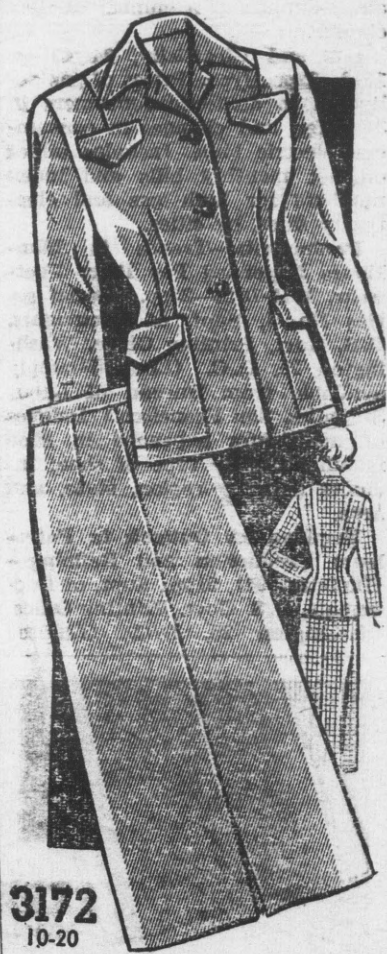
The American people are not fooled by double talk. They want specific answers to specific problems.

They want to be able to pay for their illnesses and accidents themselves. They don't want a poor-house system whereby they have to depend on charity. And they don't want to have to use up the savings of a lifetime.

The best way to guarantee that they can pay their own way is through a system of national health insurance. If there is a better answer the AMA should come forth with it instead of damning, attacking and criticizing. —(LLPE).

Softer Brooms

Chicago.—One of the reasons for labor's intimate interest in agriculture was revealed when the AFL Intl. Broom and Whisk Makers Union reported that unfavorable weather during 1950 had made broom corn grow much shorter. As a result, said the union, brooms will have to be made shorter, but they "will have a softer tip, which will make it much easier for the housewife to keep her floors clean."



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Workers Can't Buy Enough Milk; Here Are Helpful Tips

The rapid advance in the price of milk this fall has posed a serious threat to the welfare of many moderate-income families. In some cities it's up as much as a nickel a quart since last Spring. In many towns the tariff is now 20 to 22 cents a quart.

Many working families now can't afford to have all the milk their families need as the result of the recent runup in

price. A family with three growing children should have 4 to 5 quarts a day. But it would cost \$6 to \$7 a week to buy such a family its nutritionally-required quota of milk. That's 10 per cent or more of the average industrial worker's weekly wage, just for milk!

Actually, milk is one of the easiest items to put under price control, and one of the few possible to control all by itself. Under wartime controls there was notably little black marketing or price evasions on milk—unlike meat and sugar. For one reason, its distribution is handled by a comparatively few large companies, and is comparatively easy to supervise.

Not that the farmer gets the bulk of the money you pay for milk: Traditionally the milk companies give the farmers 50 per cent of the price they charged you. Nowadays the farmer's share of the price you pay is only 42 to 45 per cent in some large cities.

Perhaps the chief reasons for the spread between what you pay for milk and what the farmer gets are (1) the notoriously high profits on comparatively small investment of the large milk companies, (2) the duplicatory deliveries (with several companies stopping at each small store to leave a few bottles) and (3) the system in some areas of allowing processors to pay a lower price for milk for cheese and other manufactured products than for milk for home consumption. The milk you buy thus subsidizes the milk used for manufactured products.

BIG NUTRITION FOR LITTLE MONEY

Until—if ever—some action is taken to squeeze some of the excessive cost out of the present system of distributing milk, a family has to take some action to protect its health pending increased supplies and lower prices in late winter and spring. Milk is the most vital food for the health of growing children and for adults too.

One way to see that your family gets enough is to use more dry skim milk in the home. This has all the nourishment of milk except the vitamin A in the missing butterfat, which can be supplied by margarine green or yellow vegetables or liver in a meal. Dry skim milk makes fluid milk at a cost of 8 or 9 cents a quart.

Actually most adults can't tell the difference between skim milk and whole milk, but kids are better connoisseurs of milk. They have a keener sense of taste than adults anyway. Some school authorities add a little cocoa to skim milk, which makes a drink children love.

One of the country's largest hospitals makes up a special drink for patients, which many of us who have to limit our spending for milk, meat and other protein foods would do well to copy. This high-nourishment drink is made with powdered skim milk, gelatin, egg whites, sugar and chocolate. Two glasses have more protein (45 grams) than a half-pound of lean beefsteak. Papa and Mama also would do well to drink a couple of glasses of this a day, especially Mama, who tends to cut down on her own consumption of meat and the other protein foods she needs, when prices are high.

Families seeking to protect health in the face of this season's high food prices would also do well to sift in a little extra dried skim milk when preparing baked goods and other dishes, such as cream sauces and gravies, experts at the U. S. Bureau of Human Nutrition recommend. Especially when baking cookies for the children, always sift in extra dried milk. You can use more dried milk in dry form in home cooking than if you use fluid milk, and you get better flavor too. As a

matter of fact that's one of several reasons why it's preferable to prepare your own mix for home baking than to buy the prepared mixes so popular nowadays. The ready mixes are convenient, but you can be sure of high nutrition if you prepare your own.

You can even enrich the protein content of whole milk itself by adding in skim milk solids. If thoroughly mixed, this drink has excellent flavor, the Bureau of Human Nutrition reports, and you'll be taking aboard less water and more protein, minerals and vitamins.

Many families these days pay an extra half-cent or cent for homogenized milk. Actually, there's no reason for the extra charge, since it costs the milk companies virtually nothing to put the milk through a homogenizing machine. Understand that homogenized milk is no better nutritionally nor easier to digest than regular milk. It's just that the fat is thoroughly distributed, which you accomplish yourself when you give milk a good shaking.

If you don't have to pay an exorbitant extra charge for homogenized milk in your town, it's handy for making a good "coffee cream." Just stir a little evaporated milk into the whole milk. The evaporated thickens and enriches it, while the whole milk hides the flavor of evaporated milk which some people claim not to like.

USE WHEAT GERM, BREWER'S YEAST

Another inexpensive way to make sure your family gets plenty of high-quality nutrition is to use dry brewer's yeast and wheat germ. In fact, Dr. Clive McCay, Cornell's famous nutrition authority, recommends that people use these products, purchasable at grocery stores, instead of expensive synthetic vitamins. Even if you haven't been taking pills to supplement your diet, these products will add a lot of protein and vitamin content to your meals. You can add a little of the food yeast to soups and stews, and the wheat germ can be sprinkled over the family's usual breakfast cereal, or used in meat loaf, muffins, rice, pudding, jam sandwiches, etc.

Jersey CIO Asks State Share Cost Of Medical Bills

Trenton, N. J. (LPA)—The New Jersey CIO has asked that the state's unemployment compensation law and temporary disability insurance law be completely overhauled.

Testifying before the legislative commission to probe and report on the two employment security laws, Harry Kranz, state CIO legislative director, called for 13 changes. The intent would be "to insure that every worker unemployed through no fault of his own or disabled off his job will receive promptly, fully and equitably state benefits that will prevent his becoming a burden on his family or the community."

Among the changes the CIO asks were additional benefit payments to disabled workers when they are hospitalized, and state payment of all or part of the patient's doctor bill.

Didn't Lose Shirt

Chicago.—A shirt manufacturer here who threatened to close his plant because he said union demands were driving him to the wall, received a surprise Christmas gift from his employees. The gift was a hand-painted shirt, on the back of which in vivid colors was pictured a brick wall.

Food Prices Rise in S.F.

Retail food prices in San Francisco advanced 0.6 per cent between mid-October and mid-November and came within less than ½ per cent of the all-time peak in August, 1948, according to Max D. Kossoris, regional director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The November index of foods bought by moderate income families was 223.5, exactly 5 per cent above that of November a year ago.

Price advances, however, were not general for all food items. While prices of fish were up 4.6 per cent, on the average, meat and chickens were slightly cheaper—beef and veal by 0.4 per cent (although round steak cost \$1.00 a lb.), pork by 3.2 per cent, lamb by 1.2 per cent, and chickens by 3.2 per cent. The increase of fish prices over the last year matched that of beef and veal—13.2 per cent and 13.5 per cent.

Fruit and vegetable prices were up 6.4 per cent on the average, barely above the level of November, 1949. But whereas the fresh varieties increased by 7.1 per cent over the month, and the dried by 7.0 per cent, the canned increased only 2.0 per cent over the month. In comparison with November a year ago, however, fresh fruits and vegetables were 2.1 per cent cheaper, while canned items were dearer by 10.6 per cent and the dried by 13.8 per cent.

Coffee, nearly 3 times its pre-war price in 1939, moved down 2.2 per cent to an average of 85 cents a pound. Egg prices were lower by 6.1 per cent, prices of dairy products remained unchanged, and those of cereals and bakery products, fats and oils and sugar changed by less than ½ per cent.

In terms of the purchasing power of the pre-war 1939 food dollar, the San Francisco housewife's dollar was worth 44½ cents.

For the U. S. the November food price level moved up 0.2 per cent, to an index of 209.5. But the composite all-commodity index reached 175.6, up to 0.5 per cent over October, and a new all-time high.

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Clerks Elect Officers, Win Safeway Vote

Retail Clerks Union 839 elected union officers last month, with most incumbents returned to office, according to Secretary Gerald L. Miller, who added that Local 839 was victorious in union shop contract elections in 11 Safeway Store units in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties recently.

Miller reported vote on the Safeway union shop contract as 44 yes, 2 no votes, out of 49 eligible to cast ballots in the election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

Next week, Jan. 10, 11 and 12, Miller will be in San Diego for a special organizing conference called by the state council and the international union.

Local 839 still is seeking a contract with Kip's Market in Carmel, Miller said. This market has been declared on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council. The union is considering economic action in the dispute, he added.

Elected as officers of Local 839 for the coming term were:

President—Raymond Groth.
First vice president—Robert Page.

Second vice president—Laurence Vestal.

Secretary-treasurer—Gerald L. Miller.

Recorder—Hilda Cravener.

Guardian—Norman Lingenfelder.

Guide—Howard Jesse.

Trustees—Robert Ballentine, Donald Bivens, Harold Bernhard and Robert Sheffield.

Installation of officers is scheduled this month, Miller said.

In Union Circles

With the season ending on January 15, Monterey's sardine canneries are getting in their last pack, with some sardines brought in locally by fishermen and others brought by truck from southern ports, union officials report.

Severe weather of recent weeks played havoc with building trades work as the year came to an end, according to business agent, J. B. McGinley, of Salinas Laborers Union 272. He and other union officials agreed that many workers were idle due to the rains.

Karl Ozols, business manager of Electrical Workers Union 243 of Salinas, was away last week for his second half of vacation. He didn't tell his destination, but said he was due back this week.

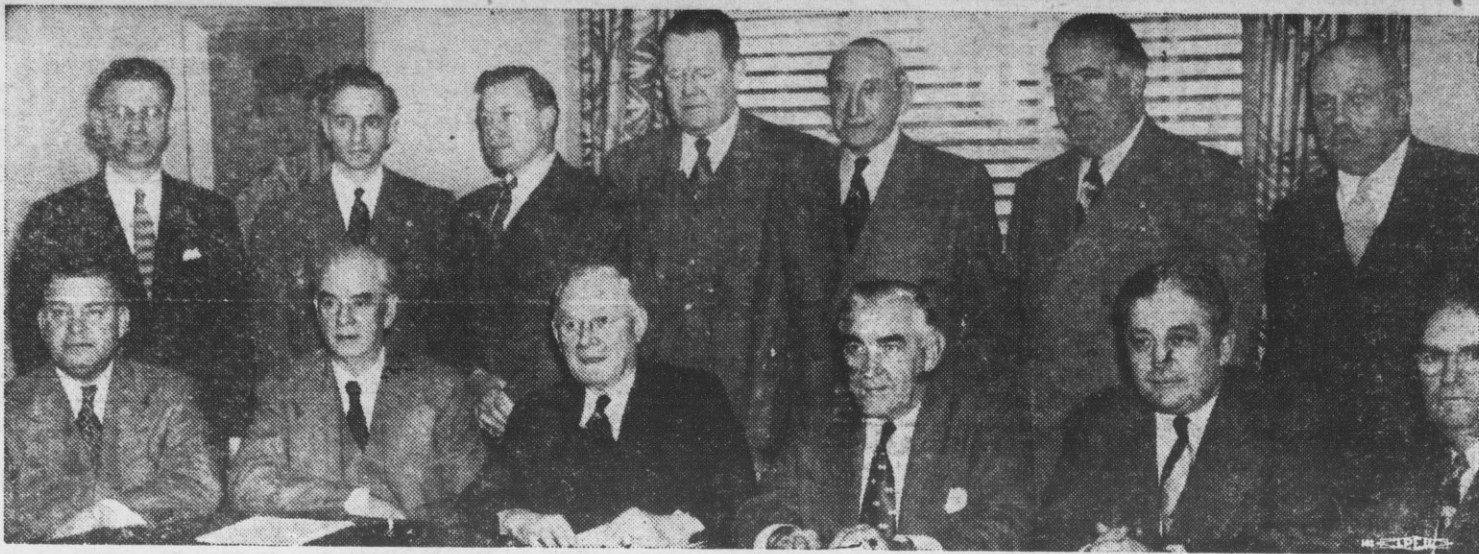
Bertha A. Boles, secretary of Culinary Alliance 467, has been under strain for several weeks due to the illness of her stepfather in San Pedro. He is reported as seriously ill.

Culinary Given Thanks for Toys

Letter of thanks was received by Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas last week from the Rescue Mission for the donation of toys as Christmas gifts for underprivileged children.

Bertha A. Boles, union secretary, said the letter, signed by Mrs. Villa of the Mission, was in deep appreciation for the second annual toy drive of the union, which collected more than 200 toys in its office for the youngsters.

Presentation of the toys was made at a party in the Methodist Church. Due to enforced absence of Mrs. Boles, the union was represented at the party by Tina Moore, chairman of the toy committee.



Labor Outlines Wage Policy Best for Entire Country

Washington, D. C.—The following statement was presented Dec. 20, 1950, to Pres. Harry S. Truman by the United Labor Policy Committee:

Organized labor in America has established a United Labor Policy Committee composed of representatives of the American Federation of Labor, the Congress of Industrial Organizations, the Railway Labor Executives Association, and the International Association of Machinists. We pledge ourselves unreservedly to the service of our nation and to the support of the President in the present crisis.

OBJECTIVES OF UNITED LABOR POLICY COMMITTEE

Our purpose is to develop a common approach to the problem arising out of the mobilization and stabilization program. We are deeply concerned for our country's security and welfare. The security, the dignity and the material well-being of the wage earner in America as well as throughout the whole world are dependent upon the preservation and extension of the democratic way of life. We are fully aware of the grave emergency confronting our nation. We dedicate ourselves to help make our country strong and to use that strength to bring peace and abundance to mankind.

It is imperative that labor be granted active participation and real leadership in every important agency in our mobilization effort. We regret that to date labor has not enjoyed opportunity for full participation in the mobilization effort. Free labor can make its fullest contribution only if it is permitted to serve at all levels of defense mobilization, both with respect to policy and administration. No one group has a monopoly of ideas in the mobilization of our resources. Each group has much to offer and cooperatively we can defeat the world-wide challenge of dictatorship.

CONTROL OF LIVING COSTS

The control of the prices of all the elements in the workingman's everyday necessities is the central

problem in wage stabilization. We are compelled to point out that under the provisions of the Defense Production Act of 1950, it is impossible to control these prices.

Under this legislation, great increases are specifically permitted in the price of food, which constitutes approximately 40 per cent of the living expenses of the average American family. In addition, rents which constitute about 13 per cent of living costs are not now effectively controlled.

So long as food prices and rents are thus subject to sharp and drastic increases, compensatory wage adjustments must be permitted. The present prohibitions upon control of food prices and rents are an effective barrier to any system of prices or wage controls, and the elimination of these prohibitions is preliminary to any working stabilization action. Effective control of retail food prices can be achieved and, at the same time, farmers can be assured fair prices for their products.

The Defense Production Act should be promptly amended by the Congress to accomplish these ends.

GENERAL AND SELECTIVE CONTROLS

American industries are so integrated that no one of them can be singled out for the purpose of wage and price control. Price control, to be effective, must be general. Adequate machinery and vigorous enforcement must be created. Otherwise, such controls will break down.

The government should strive for justice and workability in its stabilization measures. To subordinate these factors to pressure for hasty improvisations is not in fact speed, but is rather postponement of the time when real stabilization will be achieved.

While the imperative preliminary steps are being taken, other phases of the stabilization program must be taken into consideration to avoid later error and delay. With reference to wage stabilization, three basic principles should be considered so that they may be embodied in the regulations to be applied.

BASIC PRINCIPLES OF WAGE STABILIZATION

The first of these has to do with procedures. At the present time, wage stabilization is subject to needlessly cumbersome machinery. As now provided, wage policy must first be recommended by a board representative of labor, industry, and the public. The recommendations of this board are then subject to the arbitrary decisions of a single individual. This makes expeditious and just action impossible.

Review by a single top administrator, chosen for his general administrative experience rather than specific competence in the wage field, adds nothing to the process of wage stabilization excepting uncertainty, procrastination and arbitrariness. Wage stabilization procedures should be revised so that the wage stabilization board is given the status and authority to make decisions on matters within its jurisdiction.

The wage stabilization policy must permit the adjustment of wage rates to compensate for increases in the cost of living. Wage

stabilization must not become wage freezing. This policy must also provide for the correction of substandard wages and the adjustment of inequities in existing wage rates within or between industries. The now well recognized principle that wage earners should share in the benefits of industrial progress and increase in productivity which the nation must and will have from its industrial workers, should be specifically embodied in the wage stabilization policy. Any wage stabilization policy must recognize existing collective bargaining agreements which themselves assure stability. This would apply, for example, to the automobile and other industries where existing contracts provide for the orderly adjustment of wage rates. The abrogation of contracts arrived at through collective bargaining would inevitably lead to industrial unrest and this will defeat the very goal of stabilization.

Overtime payments for premium work now protected by collective bargaining agreements or existing law must continue to be held inviolate. These provisions do not in any way preclude the working of a work-week longer than that now considered to be normal. They merely provide the incentive for productive overtime and holiday work.

PURCHASING POWER

An equitable tax, savings, price and rationing control program is the answer to this problem of excess purchasing power. Rising taxes upon the workers as well as the rise in living cost have already cut their purchasing power. Furthermore, the government has embarked upon a program of stimulating the voluntary investment of as much as possible of current wage payments in defense savings bonds of the United States Government. The labor organizations stand ready to cooperate in every way in the attainment of this goal. Effective price and rationing controls will stimulate the flow of unspent income into voluntary savings. Savings will provide a pool of consumer purchasing power to drive the nation ahead when the emergency is over and production of civilian durable goods may be safely expanded.

MANPOWER

Our labor force is the nation's greatest single asset. Steps should be taken to strengthen and enlarge our manpower resources. These steps must recognize the fact that free labor can outproduce slave labor. Free labor will play its role in attaining our objective of maximum production. World War II experience demonstrates that maximum efficiency, cooperation and morale can be secured through voluntary manpower policies. Use of compulsory civilian labor will defeat our efforts to attain our goal of maximum production.

CONCLUSION

American workers and their unions offer these suggestions in order to get the emergency production program under way as quickly and effectively as possible. We conceive it our responsibility not just to offer verbal assurances, but also to point out those difficulties and problems which must be solved if we are to achieve maximum national security.

LABOR OUTLINES DEFENSE GOALS

—The United Labor Policy Committee on Dec. 18 discussed the problems of home-front mobilization. On Dec. 20 they visited Pres. Truman at the White House and presented their views on price controls, wages, manpower, production, and other problems facing the nation. Left to right, bottom row, are George Harrison, AFL Railway Clerks; CIO Pres. Philip Murray; AFL Pres. William Green; Al Hayes, Intl. Assn. of Machinists; George Leighty, Railway Labor Executives Assn.; and Arthur Lyon, RLEA. Top row, CIO Gen. Counsel Arthur Goldberg; James B. Carey, CIO Electrical Workers; Walter P. Reuther, CIO Auto Workers; Elmer Walker, IAM; Dan W. Tracy, AFL Electrical Workers; William C. Doherty, AFL Letter Carriers; and AFL Secy.-Treas. George Meany. (LPA)

Cannery Workers Open Negotiations

(State Fed. Release)

Negotiations for a new agreement between the State Council of Cannery Workers, AFL, and the California Processors and Growers opened Dec. 20 in San Francisco.

Last year 17 locals and some 60,000 workers were covered by the cannery agreement.

Each local affiliated with the council annually makes its own survey of job conditions for presentation at a council session. A comprehensive program is then adopted and given to the negotiating committee for bargaining purposes.

Fish, Game Fines

Violators of California's fish and game laws during October paid fines totaling \$26,551, according to the State Division of Fish and Game. Wardens of the Bureau of Patrol made 567 arrests.



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